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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 28-FEB-2005

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	60-74	63-66	65.92	29

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

73.75

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

73.63

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-05

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	159,306	162,454

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	171.50	1,262
BREASTS - B/S	143.50	5,735
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,331
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.50	1,028
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	7,089
WINGS	117.00	2,984

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Tuesday's majority; the market tone was steady. Offers were light to for the like trade interest. Overall, demand was light to moderate; best call on scattered features and fast food. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights mixed. Parts trade was slow. All parts were available with large wings and boneless/skinless breasts ample. The market tone was firm on tenderloins, steady on regular wings, unsettled on dark meat cuts, and cautiously steady to weak on remaining parts.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 2005**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	64.80	64.90**	61.90**	EASTERN REGION	62.00	62.50**	61.50
CENTRAL REGION	64.00	65.00	61.30**	CENTRAL REGION	62.00**	62.00**	59.10**
WESTERN REGION	65.00**	65.80**	62.30**	WESTERN REGION	63.00**	63.00**	59.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 19-Feb-2005 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS
Head	156,653
Avg Wt	5.16
Last week	154,449
Same wk yr ago	152,287
Avg Wt	5.05
To-date/2005	1,094,548
To-date/2004	1,073,294

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS THOUSANDS	YOUNG TOMS
Head	1,427	2,489
Avg Wt	15.94	38.46
Last week	1,539	2,489
Same wk yr ago	1,651	2,507
Avg Wt	15.58	36.23
To-date/2005	10,760	17,632
To-date/2004	11,724	17,010

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	116.00	116.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	135.00 - 144.00	138.06
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy		
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	149.00	149.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	443.99 521.28	494.04
168 3 Round, top inside round	177.00 183.00	179.89
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	447.05 528.00	478.57
Ground Beef 81%	119.55 137.00	122.28

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